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b. NKA - two battalions.

- (1) One battalion was quartered in the main street in front of the central station.<sup>5</sup>
- (2) One company was detached for guard duty.
- (3) Two companies were quartered in the center of the city, not far from the Rumanian hospital.

All the NKA and the CCF troops were housed in either wooden barracks, reconstructed houses, or former administration buildings, with the exception of one company of CCF troops who guarded the bridge on the Yalu. Half the NKA troops were equipped with Russian submachine guns, and half had Russian rifles; the CCF troops were armed only with Russian submachine guns. A CCF anti-aircraft battery was posted on the Yalu River bridge and the bridge approach.

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3. [redacted] NKA troops wore winter uniforms [redacted] identical to those worn by the CCF troops except for the addition of red, light blue, or yellow shoulder boards. The CCF troops did not wear grade stripes, but they did wear military decorations. Young girls, wearing the same uniform and shoulderboards as those of the soldiers formed a minor part of the NKA. Their duties were indeterminable, but they usually marched in the last rank of a detachment and did not appear to be organized into an independent corps.
4. NKA units individually and collectively engaged everyday in a gymnastic program of drill from the manual of arms. Physical tests of endurance were organized, and often squads equipped with hand arms crossed the city in double time. Cleaning of arms took place regularly and was organized for methodical accomplishment. Soldiers washed their personal effects, including underwear.
5. The favorite recreation of the NKA troops was playing volleyball and engaging in relay races. When the soldiers played volleyball, some of the civilian population often watched lackadaisically. Basketball was popular with the CCF troops.<sup>6</sup>

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[redacted] Comments

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1. There are probably also construction or engineering troops in Sinŭiju.
2. The bridge over the Yalu River connects Sinŭiju to Antung, China (N 40-09, F 124-23) by a single track railroad.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The camouflaging was excellent and could not be easily detected from the air.

5. [redacted] Comment. Central railroad station is presumably meant.

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6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] basketball is the Chinese national sport; basketball courts are found everywhere that CCF troops are stationed.

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